

TYPE OF SCHOOL- RIS AGENT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INTELLIGENCE AND COUNTERESPIONAGE WORK.

VOROSHILOVSK
USSURIYSK
(settlement Chertova Pad)

Near Vladivostok

HISTORY

In 1929 in a ~~raid~~ guerilla raid into the Soviet Union led by Cols MARTINOV and MOKHOV, the existence of RIS agent training schools at Khabarovsk, Vladivostok, Voroshilov, and Komsomolsk was first established and courses and details regarding them. During the raid much documentary material and a number of prisoners were taken including the brother of the famous Far Eastern guerilla leader, BOIKO. As late as 1945 further evidence was obtained that these schools and courses could go exist and that they were even considerably larger.

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STUDENT BODY AND LENGTH OF COURSE

Students appointed to the RIS agent schools at the above mentioned towns were of Russian, Chinese, Mongolian and Korean nationalities. Students from China, Korea and Mongolia were recommended and vouched for by their national communist parties.

In peacetime the training period at these schools was 18 months. During WW II the training was shortened to eight months. About 30-40 students graduated from each course. About 50% were appointed for Frontier Zone work, 25% for activities in the Interior, and 25% for activities abroad.

A prominent role in the educational program of these schools was played by Lt BARKOV when he was secretary of the Soviet Consulate in Harbin.